

House Resolution No. 4660

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that have proven down through the years to be exemplary components of local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the International Institute of Saint Louis has enhanced its already impressive record of achievement by earning the title "Neighborhood Builder" with the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative, which combines leadership development with mission based funding to organizations in order to address the most pressing needs of communities throughout the nation; and

Whereas, the International Institute of Saint Louis became a 2008 Neighborhood Builder in light of its selfless work in the immigrant community since 1919; and

Whereas, a true community leader, the International Institute of Saint Louis revitalizes neighborhoods through the innovative use of asset building and economic development programs, is a leader in the area of business development programs for immigrants and refugees, has generated \$77 million dollars for microloan and technical assistance programs, uses a financial literacy program to ensure the long term social and economic viability of neighborhoods, and is a visionary organization that improves the lives of individuals and families by supporting the business community in which they live and work; and

Whereas, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative is designed to recognize and reward individuals and groups who are making a difference in their communities; and

Whereas, the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative recognizes recipients in the three categories of Neighborhood Builders, Local Heroes, and Student Leaders; and

Whereas, Bank of America has donated in excess of \$90 million to 310 organizations since 2004 through the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered thus far in the history of the International Institute of Saint Louis and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon the organization being named as a 2008 Neighborhood Builder by the Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence Initiative; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the International Institute of Saint Louis.

Offered by _____
Representative Robin Wright Jones
District No. 63

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4660, adopted November 19, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker